

REMARKS

Claims 15-18 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-14 and 19-22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has amended claims 15-18 consistent with the Examiner's comments and addressed antecedent errors as discussed in a telephone conference call with the Examiner on July 12, 2007. These changes place this application in condition for immediate allowance obviating the need to file an RCE or Notice of Appeal for additional time. Consistent with the Office Action, Applicant has further amended the specification to address the minor, inadvertent typographical errors with replacements sheets and also has submitted a new Abstract in clean text without adding any new matter. Please note, this replacement Abstract only addresses the formatting problems of the previous replacement Abstract submitted as part of the previous Amendment of November 15, 2006, which addressed substantive issues identified in the Office Action of June 15, 2006. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of the previous Abstract (See 37 CFR Section 1.72).

I. The Claim Objection

In response to the claim objection, Applicant, as indicated above, has amended Claims 15-18 consistent with the Examiner's comments and addressed minor antecedent problems.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection.

II. Formal Matters and Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 15-18, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 50-1114.

Respectfully submitted,

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